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SUBJ: LSC APRIL 9 AM MEETING ON SCOPE ISSUE OF TOM

SUMMARY: INTRODUCTION OF US. TEXT ON SCOPE ISSUE PRODUCED SOMBRE MOOD WITH SEVERAL DELS VIEWING IT OMINOUSLY AS AN IMPASSE IN THIS YEAR'S NEGOTIATIONS ON TOM, AND OTHER DELS CONFIDING PRIVATELY THEIR DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING WHY US. WOULD BE UNCOMPROMISING ON A NON-SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE.

1. FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF REJECTION OF UK. COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ON SCOPE, US. INTRODUCED FOLLOWING TEXT:

BEGIN QTE. REFERENCES IN THIS TREATY TO "OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES" SHALL BE DEEMED TO APPLY TO THE PLANETS AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES WITHIN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, EXCEPT THE EARTH, AS WELL AS TO ORBITS AND OTHER TRANSIT TRAJECTORIES TO OR AROUND THOSE BODIES. THE STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY AGREE THAT, SHOULD IT BECOME DESIRABLE AT SOME LATER STAGE TO ELABORATE ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN REGARD TO THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF INDIVIDUAL PLANETS OR OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES WITHIN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, A CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES SHALL BE CONVENED FOR THAT PURPOSE BY THE DEPSOITARY GOVERNMENTS WHEN ONE THIRD OF THE STATES PARTIES SO REQUEST. END QTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. UK. RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER US. PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH UK. TEXT WAS ATTEMPT TO

FIND COMMON GROUND ON AN ISSUE PRESENTATIONAL IN CHARACTER.

- 3. USSR. (PIRADOV) UNEQUIVOCALLY REJECTED US. TEXT AND OBSERVED THAT THERE WAS NOW NO REALISTIC WAY TO PROCEED WITH THIS TREATY. PIRADOV REITERATED SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS ON SCOPE ISSUE; AND, ASSERTING THAT SOVIET UNION HAD DEMONSTRATED MAXIMUM GOOD WILL, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THEIR PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS CONCRETE, HAS NOW BEEN UNDERMINDED AND RENDERED" ABSTRACT".
- 4. ALL OTHER DELS WHO SPOKE ON THIS POINT-- ARGENTINA, ITALY, JAPAN, AND BRAZIL-- NOTED ABSENCE OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UK, AND US. TEXTS, AND THAT ISSUE WAS PRESENTATIONAL ONLY. ARGENTINA AND JAPAN SAID THAT U.S. PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTABLE WHILE ITALY AND BRAZIL PREFERRED UK. TEXT.
- 5. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED SESSION WITH STATEMENT THAT UK. TEXT, WHICH APPEARED TO BE A GOOD COMPROMISE, HAD GAINED THE SUPPORT OF THE LSC BUT THAT NOW THE TWO SPACE POWERS WERE AT AN IMPASSE.
- 6. AFTER THE MEETING AUSTRALIAN REP MORRISON TOLD US HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE US WAS MAKING DIFFICULTY OVER A MATTER WHICH HAD NO SUBSTANCE TO IT. HE SAID HE AGREED WITH THE COMMENT BY ITALY DURING THE MEETING THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE OF SUBSTANCE BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND US PROPOSALS, AND HE SAID HE THOUGHT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMITE WOULD NOT EARILY UNDERSTAND THAT THE US WOULD WISH TO STICK TO A POSITION FOR PRESENTATIONAL REASONS ONLY. HE SAID THAT CANADIAN AND AUSTRIAN DELS AGREED WITH HIS VIEW.

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